**Abolition of Inter-State Transport Permits**

2572. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state whether any proposal is under Government's consideration for abolishing the inter-State transport permits in view of the new economic policy of liberalisation; and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : No, Sir.

**Release of Funds to Andhra Pradesh under the Central Road Funds**

2573. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the proposals received from Andhra Pradesh which are pending with the Cenrtal Government under the Central Road Funds schemes; and

(b) the amount released so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) Consequent upon the Revised Resolution for augmentation of the Central Road Fund adopted by the Parliament in May 1988, 401 schemes costing Rs. 289.27 crores were received from the Government of Andhra Pradesh for approval under Central Road Fund. These schemes could not be processed because the actual augmentation of Central Road Fund as per the Revised Resolution has not taken place yet. However, taking into account the free-balance available upto 31-3-1997 as per Old Resolution, 5 schemes costing Rs. 1621.40 lakhs have been approved with central share of Rs. 981.40 lakhs.

(b) Funds released to Government of Andhra Pradesh under Central Road Fund during the last three years are as under:—

| Year | Amount (Rs. in lakhs) |
|---|---|
| 1989-90 | 4.49 |
| 1990-91 | 5.00 |
| 1991-92 | 50.00 |

**Proposals from Andhra Pradesh for Upgradation of Roads**

2574. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of the proposals received from Andhra Pradesh which are pending with the Central Government for upgradation of the State Roads and National Highways and since when; and

(b) at what stage of consideration are these proposals at present ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) In February, 1992, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had recommended nine proposals for declaration as new National Highways as per attached Statement (*See* below).

(b) The funds earmarked for Central Sector Roads Programme in the 8th Five Year Plan are hardly sufficient to take care of ongoing works on the existing National Highways. It is, therefore, difficult at this stage to declare any new National Highways. However, the position would be re-examined at the time of mid-term review of the 8th Plan if the allocation for National Highways is suitably increased.